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### **MIAMI-DADE COUNTY FORECLOSURE REGISTRY APPLICATION NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE**

**(MIAMI, September 23, 2010)** – Miami-Dade County has recently improved its Building and Neighborhood Compliance Department website, which includes an on line Foreclosure Registry application: <http://bldgappl.miamidade.gov/foreclosureregistry> . To date, 15,000 registry applications have been received. Payment of the registry fee may be also made electronically. This added feature will facilitate a more efficient and expedient process for lending institutions as well as the Department.

The Foreclosure Registry tracks single family dwellings that are subject to foreclosure actions. Through this Registry, residences that have become or are at risk of becoming vacant, overgrown or dilapidated are tracked and remediated to prevent blight or unsightly conditions thus preserving property values along with residents' quality and life safety.

In order to minimize the negative impact on neighborhoods, the Miami-Dade County Board of County Commissioners approved, on December 2, 2008, Ordinance 08-134, and effective December 12, 2008 which requires that upon the filing of a Lis Pendens or an action to foreclose upon a mortgaged property, registration of the property must be made with the Miami-Dade County Building and Neighborhood Compliance Department within 30 days. This ordinance is applicable to properties within unincorporated areas of Miami-Dade County.

"Improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods is a priority of the department. It gives me great pleasure to see how the Foreclosure Registry program has been an efficient tool in making this happen," said Charles Danger, P.E., Director / Building Official of the Miami-Dade County Building and Neighborhood Compliance Department.

Upon registration, the Building and Neighborhood Compliance Department conducts inspections to ensure the yard is being maintained to County code standards (grass cut

and no junk, trash, abandoned articles, solid waste or junk vehicles); swale area is maintained; that the dwelling is secured at all windows and doors; and the pool barrier complies with the zoning code. A \$500 citation is issued to entities failing to register the property.

The Building and Neighborhood Compliance Department continually strives forward in delivering excellent public services to the community for the protection and welfare of our residents.

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